

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 7/29/14

Agency Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services

Agency Address: P.O. Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative

Auditor: 6/27/14

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: UNITY ID #1343015 REPORT ID #1626765

Type of Report: ☐ 48 Hour Notice ☐ 15 Day Update ☒ 30 Day Update ☐ Final

☒ **Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 6/26/14

☐ **Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:**

☐ **Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of**
_____ **law enforcement.**

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:

6/26/14

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):

Reno, NV/Washoe County

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:

On June 26, 2014 WCDSS received a report regarding a newborn male that was expected to die due to medical anomalies. He had remained at a local hospital since his birth two days prior. The newborn died later that night.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

6/24/14; Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:

6/26/14

F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:

Cause of the fatality is unknown at this time.

- G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so:** (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
- (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and
- (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

12/7/07 - Report received by DCFS Carson City Office regarding possible physical neglect and drug use by the parents. The investigation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed with no services provided.

1/11/08 - Report received alleging drug use by the parents. The report was coded as Information Only.

1/29/08 - Report received by DCFS Carson City Office regarding possible physical neglect and drug use by the parents. The investigation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed after referrals for community resources were made to the family.

9/1/09 - Report received by WCDSS regarding a newborn which was delivered at home and then taken into the ER. The mother and baby tested positive for marijuana. Worker made referrals and submitted vouchers for services, including a Comprehensive Substance Abuse Evaluation at ACCS, provided father with Narcotics Anonymous meeting list, employment resources and community resources list. The investigation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

9/24/10 - Report received alleging drug use by the parents. The report was coded as Information Only.

6/2/11 – Report received alleging possible physical neglect and drug use by the parents. The report was coded as Information Only.

4/11/14 – Report received regarding a pregnant woman being seen for a prenatal check. The reporting party was concerned she had missed many appointments and she is using illegal and legal drugs (prescriptions). The report was coded as Information Only due to the child not being born at the time of the report.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality: (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

WCDSS continues to conduct an investigation regarding this fatality. Other community referrals will be offered if deemed necessary.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3); 4) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.